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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yusuke MURAKAWA et al.
Title: METHOD OF IMPROVING SUITABILITY FOR GRANULATION
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Examiner: Paul W. DICKINSON
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 23, 2008, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-9, without traverse and for the species, Applicants hereby elect "Compound X" of Example 1, (i.e., 3-[3-[[[(3R,5S)-7-chloro-5-(2,3-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-(3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropyl)-2-oxo-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-4,1-benzoxazepine-3-yl]acetyl]aminophenyl]propionic acid) without traverse, for examination.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of non-elected claims and species.

Applicants now await an early and favorable action on the merits. Should Examiner Dickinson feel that a discussion would advance this application, the Examiner is courteously invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment accompany this response, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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